THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBI has registered 8 cases under which it has conducted searches at 33 places against 24 FCI officials, during the current year.

(c) Out of the 8 cases as in part (b) above, charge sheet has been filed in one case against one FCI official. Investigation in remaining 7 cases have been initiated.

(d) An elaborate mechanism exists in the FCI to take preventive and deterrent action against corrupt practices besides well laid down procedures for every aspect of operational matters. Frequent surprise and periodical inspections are carried out at the FCI offices and Depots throughout the country. The irregularities noticed during these inspections are investigated thoroughly and penalties imposed on employees who are found guilty.

Wheat stocks in FCI godowns of Kerala

1230. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stocks of wheat provided to each of the FCI godowns in the State of Kerala for the last three years, year-wise and godown-wise;

(b) the off-take of wheat from each of these godowns for the above period, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the holding of wheat stocks were inadequate to cater to the requirements of distribution through PDS; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to increase the allotment?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The details of allotment and off take of wheat under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes during the year 2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06 in respect of Kerala State is given in the statement attached. (*See* below) Depot/godown-wise information is being collected from the field offices of Food Corporation of India.

(c) No, Sir. The wheat stocks allocated were adequate to meet the PDS requirements in the State of Kerala.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Allotment and Offtake of Wheat under the Targeted Public Distribution System and other Schemes in the State of Kerala

Figures in '000 Tonnes

TARGETED PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Year	Allocation				Offtake				%
	APL	BPL	AAY	Total	APL	BPL	AAY	TOTAL	Offtake
2003-04	447.96	31.71	0.00	479.67	130.95	30.25	0.00	161.20	34
2004-05	447.96	121.76	0.00	569.72	172.51	122.47	0.00	294.98	52
2005-06	447.84	111.20	0.00	559.04	266.44	110.98	0.00	377.42	68

OTHER WELFARE SCHEME

Year	Allocation/ Offtake	SCHEMES									Total
		MDM	SGRY	N.P.	Hostels	Anna-purna	NFF-WP	WEP Other RELIEF	Open Market Sale	Exp-orts	
2003-04	Allocation	0.00	20.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.56
	Offtake	0.00	12.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.10	0.00	58.41
2004-05	Allocation	0.00	30.61	0.00	6.28	0.00	0.00	1.87	0.00	0.00	38.76
	Offtake	0.00	33.40	0.00	1.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.76	0.00	37.30
2005-06	Allocation	0.00	21.89	0.00	2.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.28
	Offtake	0.00	26.97	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.19	0.00	71.24

Restrictions on futures trade in essential commodities

1231. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any restrictions on futures trade in essential commodities;

(b) if so, whether there in any proposal to ease those restrictions;